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SUB-SECTION 2

To The Dy Comr. Bangalore

Dated 11 June

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Enclosures No.

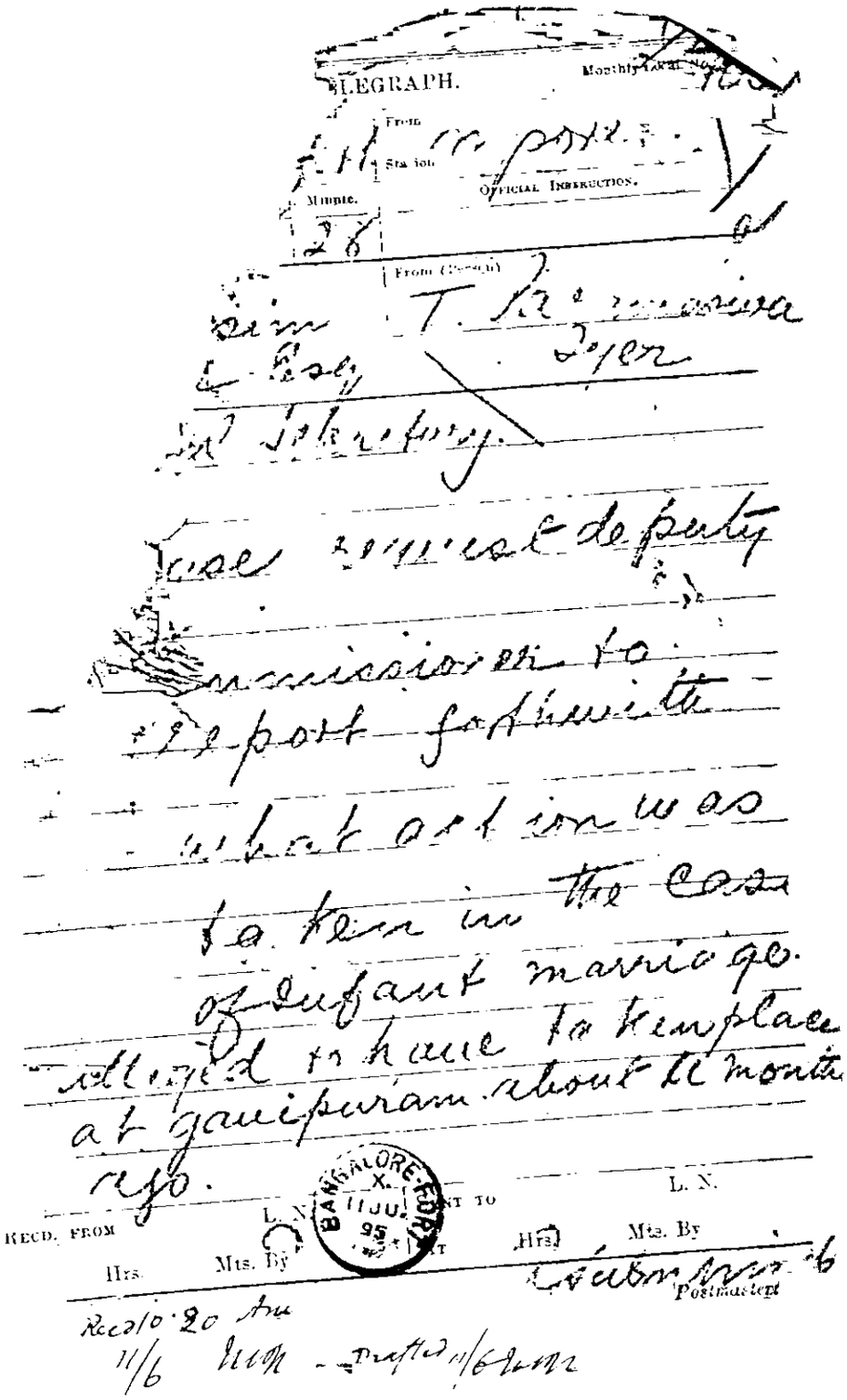
General No. 22624

No. 1375

Sir

I am directed to request that you will be so good as to report to this office with what action, if any, has been taken in the case of the infant marriage alleged to have taken place about a month ago at Savipur, Bangalore city.

I am



TELEGRAPH.

Monthly Tariff No.

From

Station

Office Instruction.

Number.

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From (Service)

Sir T. Ramaswamy
Esq Dewan
of Travancore.

Your annual deputy
commissioners report for this year
shall not be taken in the case
of Dewan marriage.
Dewan to have temporary
at Gangipuram about 11 months
repo.

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RECD. FROM

L. N.

Hrs. Mts. By

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From The District Magistrate, Bangalore District

To The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Govt. ~~Dewan~~ of Mysore.

Dated 24th June 95.

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Received

Enclosures No. 1 file

General No.

D No. 1552

~~In reply to~~

SUBJECT.

Submits for orders the records connected in two cases of infant marriages recently celebrated within the Bangalore City limits

References—(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

If cases may be prosecuted, the two first alleged offenders should be prosecuted, the other parties concerned may be cautioned

A.C. 28/6

To Dewan

Returned 29/6/95

To the Superintendent
The District Magistrate may enquire into the alleged infant marriage in Subbaiah Pudmanabha's house, Ulsoor

Returned in original 28/6

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Read 27/6

Issue

District Magistrate's Office
By Commissioner's Office

D. No. 1552 GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE Bangalore District,

En Plé Dated 24th June 1895.

To

The General Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.

Sir,

Under Section 8 of Legislation X of 1894, I have the honor to forward herewith, for orders of Government, the records connected with 2 cases of Infant marriages recently celebrated within the Bangalore City limits. The first of these marriages (case No. 1 vide margin) was between a boy child only 5 years old, the son of one Tapasi Sidda who is a resident of the western extension and a baby-girl 3 months old, the daughter of one Chinnappa residing in Ballapur Pété. In the 2nd case the girl is comparatively older being 5 years of age but considerably much younger than the minimum age fixed by law. She is the daughter of one Rangaswami Iyah of Halsur

In case No. 1 celebrated on the ... inst, Moonisowri 3 months Devanga Caste was married to Ramaiya of the ... caste 5 years old.

In case No. 2. Celebrated on ... 2nd Savithramma 5 ... old Brahmin of Smarta sect was married to Saranappa of the same sect 16 years old.

Pété and was married to the son of a certain Shekdar of the Velamungalu Taluk.

2. In regard to the first marriage it was urged that it was unavoidable owing to the practice obtaining among the Devanga caste to which the parties belong of marrying a man's daughter to the brother of his daughter-in-law. Such an arrangement is said to be obligatory, owing to the paucity of girls in the caste. It is also stated that the grand-parents of the girl, who are extremely old, wished to see their grand-daughter married during their life time - a wish which the parent of the girl could not set aside

3. No reason could be held as justifying the marriage of a baby only a few months old. This case deserves to be prosecuted.

4. The second case of marriage is reported to have been performed with a view to the saving of expenditure, as it was done concurrently with another marriage, which could not be conveniently postponed.

5. This reason could scarcely be regarded as satisfactory.

6. Ignorance of the law recently passed, is pleaded in both cases.

7 A 3rd marriage where the girl was about 7 years old is also alluded to in the enclosed Correspondence, but it is reported to be difficult to fix the age of the girl as below eight.

* Ramakka of Devanga caste aged 7 years the daughter of one Siddappa of the Weslere Esctension was married to Muni Veerabhadrappa aged 15 of the same caste the Son of Chinnappa a resident of Ballapur Pete.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

J. Nuttall
Dy Commissioner
and District Magistrate

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SER. No. 6

Read

Letter No 1552 of 24 June 1895 from the Dy Comr. Bangalore reporting the particulars of 3 infant marriages performed in Bangalore.

Caste Tuesem.

In the first of the cases brought to notice in the above, a baby girl named Kunni Powri, aged 3 months, a daughter of one Chinnappa of the Dévanga Caste, Bangalore city, was married on the 6th day last to a boy 5 years old named Rámaya of the same caste, son of Tapari Lidda also of Bangalore city. It does not appear from the Dy Comrs report whether the accompaniments of the marriage is valid & binding; but the fact that it is performed is a legal and binding ceremony. The occurrence does not appear to have been noticed duly reported by the Police, in due time, so that the Dy Magte's action in the matter was not as prompt & vigorous as might be desired.

2 In the 2nd case, a Bráhman girl of 5 years of age named

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Savithramma, d/o Late Rangaranga
of Bangalore city, was married on
the 17th. May 1895 to Narasappa, aged 16,
son of a Shekdar in the Nelamangala
Tk.

3. As both the foregoing cases
are flagrant violations of the
provisions of the Infant Marriages
Prevention Regulation, X/1894,
the Govt are pleased under sec 8
to direct that the parties who
are responsible for these infringe
of the law shd be prosecuted at
once; & the results reported in due course.

4. The D.C. Court is requested to
make a full inquiry into the
circumstances of the 3rd infant
alluded to in para 2 of this report
taking medical evidence if necessary as to age, &c,
under disposal, & also into
the case brought to his notice
in the marginally noted communication,
and submit a detailed report thereon
without unnecessary delay.

* The Asst Surgn
D.C. Dy

Order & Signature of Govt

Issue Memo for Order.

Issued.

Bangalore.
1/Aug 1895

To. The D.C. Court. Bangalore.

The Despatch of Notice &c
in the.

Limitation writ to
reference. 2nd
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DEWAN OF MYSORE.

From The District Magistrate,
Bangalore.

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SER AL No. 7

To General
The Secretary to the Govt.
Dewan of Mysore.

Dated 5th July 1895.

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Received

Enclosures—No.

General No.

D No. 16.

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The Government Proceedings No. 33-34 dated 1st Instant, Sanctioning the prosecution of 2 Cases of Infant Marriages.

With reference to the above, has the honor to request the return of the file of papers sent with this Office No. 1552 dated 24th Ultimo.

Woodhouse
for District Magistrate.

Sir,

rec'd 7/7/95

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SECTION Police

FILE No. 26-94

SERIAL No. 8

To,

The District Magistrate,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Date.

His docket No 16 dated the 5th instant requesting the return of the file of papers sent with his No 1552 of 24th ultimo.

The undersigned has the honour to return the papers in question, as desired in the above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

18.7.95

General Superintendent of Police.

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draft submitted for approval.

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FILE No. 26-94

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From The District Magistrate Bangalore

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

Dated 24th July 1895

Despatched 25-7-95 — Do —

Received

Enclosures No.

General No.

D No. 1055

In reply to Govt Pro: No. 33-34 of the 1st Instant.

SUBJECT. Reports that the Infant Marriage cases came off for hearing on the 16th Instant and the parties were convicted and fined.

The results was given to the world by the newspapers much before the DC even has given the same to the Govt. -

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Read and (illegible)

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To Dewan for orders.

Draft order as above

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J. 29.7.95

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office.)

Submitted with entire file

30-7-95

District Magistrate's Office
Bangalore District
Dated 24th July 1895.

D. No. 105.

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To

The General Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to Para 3 of Government Proceedings No. 33-34 J. dated 1st Instant, sanctioning the prosecution of the parties concerned in the 2 cases of Infant marriage reported in this Office No. 1552 of the 24th Ultimo I have the honor to state that the cases came up for hearing on the 16th Instant and the parties were convicted and fined as particularised in the margin.

	Accused	Amount of fine
Case No. 1. For the Para 2 of the Govt. Pro.	Rangaswamiah of Savitramma	Fined 25 Rs in default to one months simple imprisonment.
	The father of the bridegroom in this case is not living.	
Case No. 2 For the Govt. Pro.	Siddappa, Father in law of the Infant girl — for abetting the marriage	Fined Rs 20 in default 25 days simple imprisonment
Case No. 3	Chunniappa Father of the girl.	As in Case No. 1

2. There-port called for in para 4 of the Proceedings under

reference, will soon follow

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

B Coppoomachy
Jr District Magistrate,

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SERIAL No. 13.

Read

Letter No 105 dy 24 Jan 1895 from the Dt Magte. Bangalore, reporting the following results of the prosecutions sanctioned by the Govt in the ~~case~~ Infant marriage cases reported to have taken place Bangalore city

Case	Accused persons ~~Caste~~	Results
Case No 1	Accd. Ranganayaka, father of Savitramma.	convicted & fined Rs 25, in default sub-mitted to one months simple imprt.
Case No 2	Si-Dasappa. father-in-law of the Infant Girl	Fined Rs 20 in default 25 days simple im
Case No 3.	Chinnappa. Father of the Girl	Fined 20. or in default 1 months simple imprt.

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1 Recorded.

2. The further report promised in the last para of this above letter should be submitted

Dt Magte, Bangalore